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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

- (1) U.S. Patent No. 5,943,650
- (2) U.S. Patent Publication No. 2001/0016921
- (3) U.S. Patent Publication No. 2002/0049716
- (4) Japan 02-810033
- (5) Japan 07-089305

Documents (2) and (3) above have a common inventor with, and are

commonly assigned with, the subject application.

Document (4) is discussed in the specification commencing at page 1, line

14 and document (5) is discussed in the specification commencing at page 1, line 21.

These documents might be deemed pertinent for the reasons given therein. An English-

language abstract for document (5) is enclosed. Document (1) is believed to be an

English-language counterpart of document (4).

Inasmuch as this application has not yet received a first Office Action on the

merits, it is believed that this Information Disclosure Statement is timely. See 37 C.F.R. §

1.97(b)(3).

Accordingly, the Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety

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